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1. In October 1947, the former German motor tanker "Bansin" of 1,250 gross tons was salvaged in the harbor of Stralsund. Salvage costs were 240,000 RM. The ship is at present in Wismar harbor being refitted for Russian service.
  2. In July 1947, the former German lighter "Doggerbank" was salvaged at a cost of 80,000 RM. This ship was constructed in 1890, but because of its strength was refitted as a hoisting ship (Hebeschiff) and used in the salvaging of the "Gorch Fock" and "Delphin". The refitting was carried out at the Stadtwerft in Stralsund.
  3. A newly constructed tanker, not named at the time of its sinking, was also raised in July 1947 near Bankewitz (Strolasund) at a cost of 100,000 RM. It had a gross tonnage of 1250 tons and is at present being refitted at the Stadtwerft at Stralsund.
  4. In July 1947, the former German Greifbagger was raised near Bug bei Hiddensee at a cost of 50,000 RM. This dredger had an 85 h.p. compound machine as well as a five ton scoop. The boiler and the scoop of this ship were constructed at Glasgow in 1892.
  5. In July 1947, a former German steam-tug, newly constructed and unnamed, was raised near Binz on Rügen. The ship had a cargo of 120 tons of white metal which the Russians hoped would prove to be wolfram. Salvaging costs were 32,000 RM. After salvage the ship was valued at 200,000 RM.
  6. In August 1947, the former German steamer "Robert Möring" of 3,394 gross tons was raised in Sassnitz. This ship, built in 1927 at the Krupp-Germania Werft in Kiel, was burnt out. Since repair was impossible, the ship was dismantled. The machinery was usable after overhaul. Salvaging costs were 180,000 RM. The hull is still in Sassnitz and its selling price is valued by the Russians at 90,000 RM. This ship before 1933 was named the "Orothara".
  7. In August 1947, the former German steamer "Berlin" of 18,000 gross tons was raised in the Oderbank near Swinemünde from nine meters of water. The ship had already been salvaged once by the Russian firm EROS but had sunk again.
- Salvaging costs were very high and reached 4,000,000 RM.

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8. In August 1947, the former German sailing ship "Gorch-Pock" was raised from seven meters of water near Stralsund at a cost of 400,000 RM. The ship is being refitted at present at Stralsund and will be used again as a sailing ship.
9. In October 1947, the former German freight and passenger steamer "Sassnitz" of 60 gross tons was raised in Strelasund at a cost of 68,000 RM. It is at present in the Stadtwerft in Stralsund for refitting.
10. In November 1947, the former German dredger "Lebbin" of 500 gross tons was raised at Strelasund. This ship is at present in Stralsund and is being refitted for the Russians.
11. In November 1947, the former German dredger "Larpe" of 150 gross tons was raised near Strelasund. This ship is in Stralsund being refitted for the Russians.
12. In November 1947, the former German lighter "Berghase" of 1000 gross tons was raised near Custrow on Ruegen. This ship is at present in Stralsund in the Stadtwerft. Salvaging costs were 48,000 RM.
13. In November 1947, a former German freight and passenger steamer of 150\* gross tons was raised near the island of Poel near Wismar.

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